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"APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TESTING MATERIAL PERFORMANCE"

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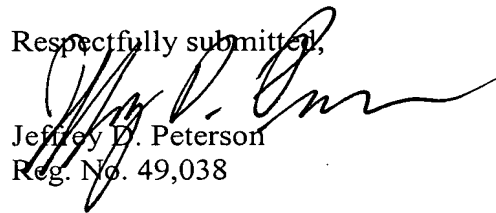
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.112**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 14, 2005 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), Applicants respectfully submit the following request for reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.112 in view of the additional claims and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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